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Early week prices were unchanged in New York but were lower in all other areas. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was usually steady. Demand in all channels was in a full range of light to good with best activity centered on features. Supplies were adequate to instances ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrade prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample with a light demand. Most breakers were stepping away

from any shipments outside of regular commitments. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to higher. Offerings were ample while demand into traditional processors was light while rendering demand was fairly good. Schedules were full-time for next week. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4.5-11 cents, mostly 4.5-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Food service demand was light to moderate with retail movement moderate to good and continued best into promotions. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand slowing as the week comes to an end and was reported as mostly light and price selective. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to

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EXTRA LARGE	33-42	36-39
LARGE	32-41	34-37
MEDIUM	29-38	31-34

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-55	42-44
LARGE	35-49	40-44
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 05, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

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REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	48.50	47.00	42.50	
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	43.00	
MIDWEST	41.50	39.50	36.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	38.50	
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.96	44.91	39.97	

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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			NO	so	so		5-Area
	N	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	15.5	9.3	12.4	12.6	56.8
	Change	-2.3	-3.1	-1.3	-2.5	-1.1	-15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	68.9	11.8	27.2	42.8	175.8
	Change	-0.8	-14.3	-2.0	-0.1	-1.0	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	182.3	89.7	122.0	111.8	537.2
	Change	-0.3	-32.1	-4.6	6.8	-21.8	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	49.8	15.1	19.1	32.8	127.7
	Change	2.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	3.3	3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	6.9	0.2	3.7	6.6	20.9
	Change	0.2	0.8	-0.9	1.2	1.2	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	31.2	8.8	10.3	5.5	59.2
	Change	0.1	2.1	-1.2	-0.1	1.0	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.5	65.8	30.3	43.2	17.9	177.7
	Change	0.6	3.4	2.6	10.2	-0.8	10%
Total	Curr Wk	101.8	420.4	165.2	237.9	230.0	1155.3
Percent	Change	0%	-9%	-5%	7%		-5%

TOTAL			Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	1155.3 269.6	-5% 5%	167 35
Total Shell Egg	1424.9	-3%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 06-MAY-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	(EBO IN THOUGHNEO)							
	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)							
	C	ASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED	
	BR	OKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,34	7,068	33,063	12,787	6,900	3,263	4,383	
PW	1,34	4,598	33,856	12,383	6,466	3,082	4,463	
LY	1,32	7,875	31,251	13,368	7,251	2,982	4,481	
% Chg	PWK	0%	-2%	3%	7%	6%	-2%	
% Chg	LY	1%	6%	-4%	-5%	9%	-2%	
2006	22,94	5,531	568,170	214,066	115,726	52,130	78,077	
2005	22,90	2,420	546,235	224,661	120,426	49,906	79,364	
% Chg	YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	4%	-2%	

Average Yield Per Case -	Current	Previous	Last
	Week	Week	Year
(Inedible Included) (Inedible Excluded)	42.41	42.52	42.44
	39.16	39.20	39.06
(irredible Excluded)	39.10	39.20	

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	608,387	45.2%	16,757	50.7%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	619,134	46.0%	17,297	51.1%	
LAST YEAR	545,621	41.1%	14,128	45.2%	

BROILER HATCHERY

		ggs Set in ed States	Broiler Chicks Place in 19 Selected State			
STATE	APR 29	MAY 06	APR 29	MAY 06		
		Thousa	and			
AL	31,584	31,056	21,350	21,484		
AR	29,461	30,270	24,234	24,595		
DE	3,580	3,574	4,996	5,506		
FL	1,364	1,361	*1,619	1,435		
GA	34,425	34,689	*28,888	28,784		
KY	*7,227	7,275	*6,249	6,328		
LA	3,970	3,874	3,914	4,035		
MD	8,859	8,811	5,670	5,021		
MS	17,788	18,408	16,413	16,100		
NC	18,744	18,645	15,098	14,776		
OK	*6,648	6,597	5,143	4,862		
PA	*3,819	4,136	*3,039	3,055		
SC	5,395	5,298	4,703	5,118		
TX	*13,428	14,952	12,872	12,795		
VA	6,501	6,475	5,123	5,136		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,114	16,645	*17,480	17,208		
19 State Total	*209,907	212,066	*176,791	176,238		
Previous Year Total	214,687	215,071	180,017	179,021		
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	98	98		
* Revised						

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 17-Jun-06 is estimated at 162.5 million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 168.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.09 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/04/06-05/10/06 **CURRENT LDS** 176.50 **FUTURE LDS** 50.00 **TOTAL LDS** 226.50

	S	SE .	N	ΙE	M	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	18.00	21.33	18.75	20.00	_	_	16.00
GNR BR 1	_	32.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W J	_	_	32.50	35.00	34.35	_	6.00
GL W XL	_	30.28	29.50	31.03	24.91	24.06	47.75
GL W LG	_	29.91	31.30	26.00	25.44	23.36	33.00
GL W MD	30.67	28.00	23.50	28.00	21.85	21.70	24.00
GL W SM	24.50	26.50	21.40	23.20	17.00	_	8.50
GL BR LG	_	_	42.00	_	_	_	4.00
NRBS - 50	_	_	_	_	_	22.50	10.00
NRBS - 48	17.67	20.00	_	22.57	21.00	21.78	64.00
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	23.50	20.13	17.00	17.00
NRBS - 39	_	_	_	_	10.75	12.50	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO	RETAIL CHAN	<u>inels</u> v	V/E 06-MA \	/-2006
SELECTED	CW	PW	PC	T CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANI	os	PW	LY
Atlanta	26.4	26.8	-1	16
Boston	3.2	3.1	3	-9
Chicago	50.0	64.2	-22	-23
Detroit	19.2	24.5	-22	-31
Kansas City	5.8	5.0	16	76
Los Angeles	115.9	110.3	5	0
New Orleans	7.4	5.9	25	-6
New York	31.7	29.3	8	10
St. Louis	42.4	13.8	207	162
San Francisco	15.5	17.6	-12	-17
Total	317.5	300.5	6	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	330.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLA	AUGHTERE	<u>D</u> W/E (06-MAY-06		
	YO	UNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	TURKEYS
		THOU	SANDS		
Head	2,114	2,315	15	6	4,450
Avg Wt	16.51	38.38	25.81	31.19	27.94
Last week	2,308	2,590	34	8	4,940
Same wk yr ago	1,935	2,649	10	0	4,594
Avg Wt	16.31	38.02	25.52	0.00	28.85
To-date/2006	33,152	44,182	435	105	77,874
To-date/2005	28,419	45,632	424	59	74,534

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 06-MAY-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y	OUNG T	URKEY	S	OLD	TOTAL T	URKEYS
THOU	JSAND	PCT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAN	ND HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	742	-10	24.00	(A)	744	24.00
South Atlantic	800	-8	26.55	(A)	801	26.55
North Central	1,992	-7	32.89	(A)	1,993	32.89
South Centra	l 710	-9	18.57	(A)	711	18.57
West	200	-36	31.88	(A)	201	31.88
U.S. total	4,444(E	3) -10	27.94	6	4,450	27.94
To-date						
2006	77,769(E	3)		105	77,874	
To-date						
2005	74,475(E	3)		59	74,534	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 435,000; for last year to date 424,000.

LIVE POULTRY S		R FEDER		CTION (F	reliminary)	
VV/L 00-IVIA 1-200	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
		TH(DUSANDS	S		
Head	154,172	1,121	1,530	2,651	503	
Avg Wt	5.39	3.23	8.02	5.99	6.09	
Last week	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566	542	
Same wk yr ago	163,999	1,604	1,485	3,089	514	
Avg Wt	5.30	3.21	8.26	5.64	6.74	
To-date/2006	2,890,341	21,405	25,908	47,313	9,220	
To-date/2005	2,835,506	27,699	24,211	51,910	9,103	
(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on						
the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.0 million head, or 10.7 million less than estimated available.						
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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-May-06

	CW - 05/13/06(1)	PW - 05/06/06
CLASS	THOUSA	ND HEAD ———
Broiler/fryer	170,247(2)	158,912
Light hens	1,212	1,113
Heavy hens	1,525	1,487
Total	172,984	161,512
(1)ESTIMATED)	

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-May-06 is 166.5 million head compared to 165.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.6 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-May-06 the estimated available is 165.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK EN	NDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
	8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
	15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
	22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.4
	29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May	6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
Year to da	ate	2925.5	2946.8	99%	
May	13		166.5		
	20		165.1		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 08-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

U	I.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE					
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG L	DS	
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.20	38	:	47.71	73	
Los Angeles	75.00	73.25	65	:	69.09	126	
New York	46.00-49.00	48.39	23	:	51.92	55	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

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NUMBER OF LOADS

	Change from		
08-MAY-2006	01-MAY-2006	01-MAY-2006	09-MAY-2005
58.09	.23	57.86	72.65

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	1		WTD	LBS	
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)	
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

<u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	ı	Frozen	Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	05/08/0)6	3,310	85,757	66,676
AM	05/01/0)6	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG			-71	9939	-9306
PCT (CHG		-2%	13%	-12%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 08-MAY-06 WTD **REGIONS RANGE MAJORITY AVG** Southeast (1) 8.5-14 CENTS/LB. 11-12.5 11.75 Southeast (2) **TFEWR** South Central(1) 9-15 CENTS/LB. 11-13 11.83 (1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading *Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

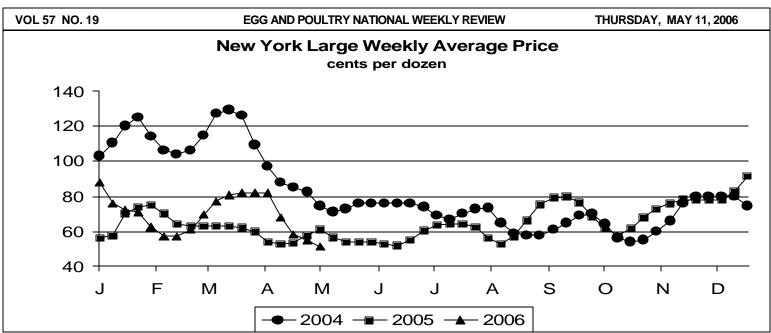
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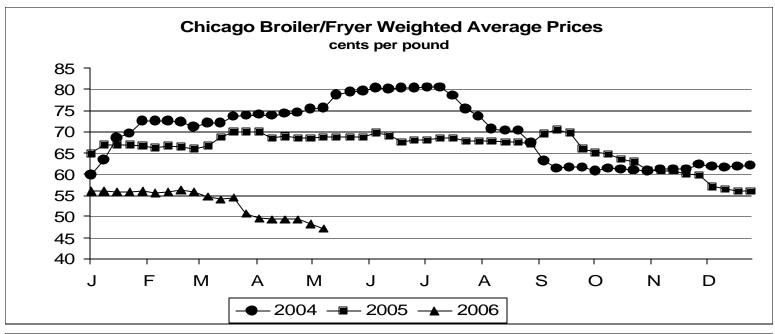
Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

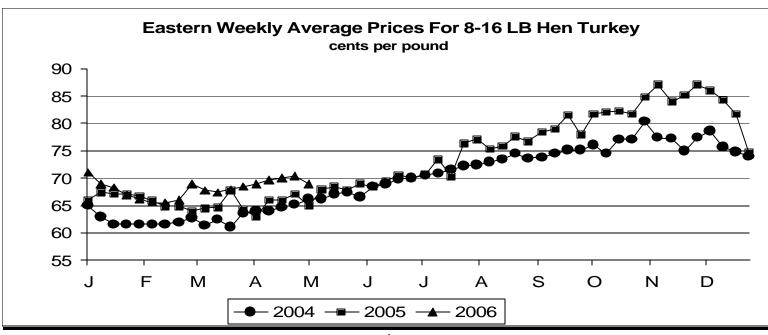
05-MAY-06	REMOVAL COST			
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY		
Eastern	5-13	9-10		
South Central	Too Few To Report			
North Central	4.5-11	4.5-9		

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT		(Receipts From Producers)			
W/E 06-MAY-2006	CASES	PERCENT (CHANGE FR	OM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY		
North Atlantic	202.1	-3	-4		
East North Central	576.5	-1	7		
West North Central	293.7	0	10		
South Atlantic	185.5	3	-4		
South Central	51.9	-7	-26		
West	177.4	2	-13		
Total	1487.1	0	0		
Matched Plants rep	orting	84	84		
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)					
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)					
South Atlantic (SC,NC	;,VA,GA,FL,KY) \$	South Central (TN,A	L,AR,MS,OK))	

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)







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